

UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20460

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OFFICE OF ENFORCEMENT AND COMPLIANCE ASSURANCE

Mr. Jeffery Chen Integrity Investigations 117 E. Louisa Street # 475 Seattle, WA 98102

RE: Freedom of Information Act Request(s): EPA-HQ-2014-003337, EPA-HQ-2014-003338

EPA-HQ-2014-003339, EPA-HQ-2014-003340, EPA-HQ-2014-003341 EPA-HQ-2014-003342, EPA-HQ-2014-003343, EPA-HQ-2014-003344 EPA-HQ-2014-003345, EPA-HQ-2014-003346, EPA-HQ-2014-003347 EPA-HQ-2014-003348, EPA-HQ-2014-003349, EPA-HQ-2014-003350

Dear Mr. Chen:

This letter is in response to the above referenced Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) wherein you requested cell phone records, emails, interagency memoranda, notes or any other written instruments of various United States Environmental Protection Agency employees, which specifically mention or reference Patrick McGuire.

Enclosed are documents responsive to your request. Some portions of these documents have been redacted and others have been withheld in their entirety by virtue of the following exemptions under FOIA: 5 U.S.C. Section 552(b)(7)(C), and (b)(6) which exempts from disclosure records or information compiled for law enforcement purposes that could cause an unwarranted invasion of personal privacy; and section 552(b)7(A), which authorizes the withholding of records or information compiled for law enforcement purposes, but only to the extent that the production of such law enforcement records or information could reasonably be expected to interfere with enforcement proceedings. You will be billed for the cost of processing this FOIA request in the amount of \$443.50.

For your information, Congress excluded three discrete categories of law enforcement and national security records from the requirements of FOIA. See 5 U.S.C. 552(c) (2006 & Supp. IV 2010). This response is limited to those records that are subject to the requirements of the FOIA. This is a standard notification that is given to all our requesters and should not be taken as an indication that excluded records do, or do not, exist.

If you are not satisfied with my action on this request, you may submit a written appeal to the National Freedom of Information Officer, FOIA and Privacy Branch (2822T), United States Environmental Protection Agency, 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20460 (U.S. Postal Service

Your appeal must be in writing and submitted no later than 30 calendar days from the date of this letter. The agency will not consider appeals received after the 30 calendar day limit. The appeal letter should clearly identify the determination being appealed including the assigned FOIA request number shown above. For quickest possible handling, both the appeal letter and its envelope should be clearly marked "Freedom of Information Act Appeal."

Should you have additional questions regarding this response, please contact Isabelle Pettiford of my staff via e-mail at **pettiford.isabelle@epa.gov** or by telephone at (202) 564-7396.

Sincerely,

Thomas J. Seaton,

Acting Division Director Legal Counsel Division

Office of Criminal Enforcement, Forensics and Training

cc: National Freedom of Information Officer FOIA and Privacy Branch (2822T)